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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL European Application 0 893 520

AR Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 04110728, Japanese Application 02232159.

AS Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 58132615, Japanese Application No. 57015928.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the European Application corresponding to the present United States application. A copy of the European Search Report, dated November 14, 2001, is attached hereto.

Reference AL discloses a display apparatus wherein different sectors are used to display different parameters. In each sector, a normal value for the parameter is indicated as well as the actual value. Because each parameter has different normal

values, the overall appearance of the display is not intuitive nor regular, and therefore this display represents the type of display which the present invention is intended to avoid. Moreover, each parameter is represented by an absolute value, and therefore the comparison with the normal value must be made by the observer. This makes the overall display even more complicated to read at a glance.

References AR and AS are in English, and therefore no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants.

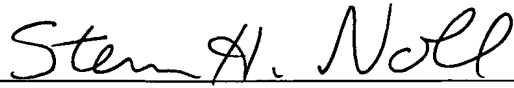
As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a First Office Action, it would still be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), with no fee being necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each of the above references was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the other previously cited references.

Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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